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Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to Visit Washington on May 25-27

President Mubarak will visit Washington for an official visit during the period 25-27 May, where he will meet President Barack Obama and senior members of the American Administration, as well as prominent public figures.

The visit will address ways to deepen the longstanding strategic partnership between Egypt and the United States, and to advance the Middle East peace process. In particular, the President will discuss

the Palestinian track and the urgent need to resume political negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

President Mubarak's visit will also address broader regional and global issues that touch on security and stability in the Middle East.

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MEDICAL CONVOY OF 40 EGYPTIAN PHYSICIANS HEADS TO DARFUR

PRESS RELEASE

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Arab Republic of Egypt Press Office - Minister's Cabinet

Sudanese authorities ordered out 13 foreign aid groups working in Darfur at the Cairo, Egypt — Egypt has sent 40 doctors to the western Sudan region to fill the beginning of March following the ICC arrest warrant issued against Sudanese gap which was the result of the expulsion of 13 aid groups working there. President Omer Al-Bashir. A spokesman for the Egyptian Foreign Ministry stated that the convoy of doctors and medical supplies left Egypt on April $28^{ ext{th}}$

hybrid peacekeeping mission in Darfur at the end of March, as well as by projects The Spokesman added that this convoy follows on Egypt's ongoing contribution to the peacekeeping efforts in Darfur, shown through Egypt's participation in a that Egypt is undertaking to dig wells which will serve the inhabitants of the These initiatives reflect Egypt's intent to support the Sudanese people's efforts in their path towards peace and stability.

For more information please contact Elana Stein at 202.777.3517 or estein@clsdc.com.

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Egypt Named Top Regional Reformer and One of Global Top 10 **Reforming Governments**

Mahmoud Mohieldin, Minister of Investment in Egypt, accepts award at third annual World Bank Group's Doing Business 2009 Reformers' Club Awards Ceremony - will visit U.S.

Vienna, Austria - For the third year in a row, Egypt has been named the Top Economic Reformer in its region and one of the Global Top 10 Reforming Governments by the World Bank Group's Doing Business Reformers' Club. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Egypt's Minister of Investment accepted the award on Egypt's behalf. Dr. Mohieldin will visit Washington D.C. on April 24th in conjunction with the Spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund. In receiving this year's award, Egypt was particularly noted for its reforms in the business start-up arena, which included streamlining the construction permit and property registration processes, protecting investors and accessing credit.

Under Mohieldin's tenure, Egypt has seen record levels of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), sustained economic growth and resulting record levels of job creation, as well as an increasingly integrated position in global economic systems. For example, Egypt's FDI reached nearly \$20 billion in 2008, a 40 percent increase over the previous year. The international rank of Egypt as an FDI recipient improved from 126 in 2003 to 20 in 2008. At home, Egypt continues to focus on implementing programs to deal with poverty and employment. As a result of these efforts, the unemployment rate fell from 11 percent in 2005 to 9 percent in 2009 with a continued goal of adding over 650,000 new jobs per year.

The context of this year's event is more important than ever due to the current global financial crisis. It is critical for countries to take the initiative and create economic reform policies under which companies can thrive and new jobs can be created.

As a result of these policies, Egypt is weathering the global economic downturn better than much of the developing world. In 2009 - when many countries are likely to record negative growth - Egypt's GDP is expected to grow by more than 4 percent. Economic sectors that continue to thrive despite the financial downturn include: agriculture, real estate, construction and tourism. Additionally this year, an overall decline in prices of building materials will positively affect infrastructure projects which are included in the Government's stimulus package. These projects will ultimately benefit the

underprivileged, providing them with new roads, clean water supplies and sewage systems.

The other countries named to the Top 10 are Azerbaijan, Albania, Belarus, Botswana, Burkina Faso Colombia, Dominican Republic, Kyrgyz Republic and Senegal. To view a copy of the report, please visit: http://www.doingbusiness.org/features/DB2009Report.aspx.

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About Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Minister of Investment in Egypt

Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin has been Egypt's Investment Minister since 2004. An accomplished academic, influential political figure and fluent English speaker, Dr. Mohieldin has made an immediate and lasting impact to both Egypt's economy and to the international finance community in his tenure.

Mohieldin's reform efforts have led to Egypt being named the top regional reformer for 2009 and in the top ten globally in the annual World Bank publication Doing Business. This is the third time in his tenure as Minister that Egypt made the top 10 reformers' list. The first was in 2005, in only Mohieldin's second year on the job. Also in 2005, Mohieldin was nominated a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum and a member of the Commission on Growth and Development.

During Mohieldin's time as minister, Egypt has seen record levels of Foreign Direct Investment, sustained economic growth and resulting record levels of job creation, and an increasingly integrated position in global economic systems.

Politically, Mohieldin holds several high ranking National Democratic Party posts and is a current and past advisor to a majority of Egypt's financial committees and offices. Mohieldin is a member of the General Secretariat of the NDP, a member of the Policies Secretariat and is the Co-Chairman of NDP's Economic Committee. In addition, Mohieldin is Egypt's Governor to the World Bank, the Alternate Governor to the African Development Bank, and the Alternate Governor to the Islamic Development Bank.

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The attached lunch invitation was sent out to 27 journalists members international trade journalists from AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Business Week, Dow Jones, Forbes, Fortune, Chronicle, Market Watch, National Journal, New York Times, Reuters, Dallas News, Kiplinger, Wall Street Journal, Washington Times and USA Today on May 12, 2009.

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From: Laura Hosny

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2009 12:05 PM

To: Laura Hosny

Subject: Invitation: Lunch with Egyptian Trade Minister, May 18

Dear Laura:

On Monday, May 18, Egyptian Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry H.E. Rachid Mohamed Rachid will be in Washington. I am writing to invite you to an intimate, on-the-record lunch discussion with the Minister on Monday, May 18 at 12:15 p.m. at the Seasons restaurant in the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington.

As President Obama welcomes Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in the coming weeks, there is an interesting economic angle to the Peace Process. Egypt, Israel and the U.S. have a special trade relationship in the form of Qualified Industrial Zones. By combining Israeli and Egyptian materials, these trade zones allow for the export of goods duty free to the United States - providing an economic incentive to private industry to foster Middle East peace. Minister Rachid, one of the architects of the QIZs, will be meeting with a number of high-level policymakers in Washington to discuss strengthening Egypt's trade relationship with the U.S.

Also on Minister Rachid's agenda during his visit is the idea of expanding free trade zones to stimulate goods production in conflict areas including Darfur, the West Bank and the Gaza strip. Following the model of the Congressionallymandated Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in Afghanistan and Pakistan, goods produced in these zones would be allowed to enter the U.S. duty-free. Minister Rachid sees this as a critical piece to economic development in these areas suffering through war and almost entirely shut out of international trade.

Minister Rachid will also be available to discuss the future of the global trade agenda after collapse of the most recent Doha Round free trade talks, in which he has played a leading role as head of the Africa Group in the World Trade Organization

Below you will find some additional background about the Minister, and details about the lunch.

I hope you will be able to join us.

Best. Laura

On-the-Record Lunch with Egyptian Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry H.E. Rachid Mohamed Rachid

WHERE:

Seneca Room

Seasons Restaurant Four Seasons Hotel

2800 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC

WHEN: Monday, May 18, 12:15 p.m.

RSVP: (202) 777-3547 or lhosny@clsdc.com, no later than Friday,

May 15

H.E. Rachid Mohamed Rachid

Egyptian Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry

H.E. Rachid Mohammed Rachid was appointed Egyptian Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry in July 2004, after a prominent career spanning more than two decades in international business.

Minister Rachid is uniquely suited to navigate the relationship between the public and private sectors, having previously served as President of Unilever North Africa, Middle East, and Turkey. He also acted as Chairman of the Board and consultant for a number of leading multinational companies based in the United Kingdom. His international activities currently include his membership of the Executive Committee of the Arab Business Council, the World Economic Forum (DAVOS), and the Investment Advisory council in Turkey, under the supervision of the Turkish Prime Minister.

During his tenure as Minister of Foreign Trade and Industry, Minister Rachid has pioneered a number of policies that have contributed to the liberalization of the Egyptian economy, opening Egypt to private industry, fostering investment and contributing to record economic growth.

For the third year in a row, Egypt has been named the top economic reformer in the Middle East by the World Bank's *Doing Business* project. This year, Egypt was also named one of the top 10 global reformers.

Minister Rachid has led Egypt to significantly reduce barriers to investment by changing customs laws and tax codes and reducing tariffs by 60 percent. Industrial investment is on the rise in Egypt, growing from \$5.6 billion in 2004 to \$45 billion in 2008.

Egypt's new private industrial zones have also fueled investment through a public-private partnership where the government provides basic infrastructure which industry maintains and inputs its own resources. Six private industrial zones are already operational in Egypt with 11 more planned in the coming

years. Minister Rachid is especially focused on adding new zones and creating jobs in the Nile Delta and Upper Egypt.

Minister Rachid has overseen the development of Egypt's Qualifying Industrial Zones; free trade areas where goods manufactured with 11 percent Israeli materials can enter the U.S. without tariff or quota restrictions. Egypt is one of only two Middle Eastern countries to have set up QIZs. From the time the QIZs were established in 2004 to 2008, Egyptian exports to the U.S. have increased 84 percent.

Rachid has also played a leading role in the World Trade Organization's Doha Development Round, expressing Egypt's strong commitment to foster economic competitiveness in the developing world.

In addition to his cabinet role, Minister Rachid also serves as alternate Board Governor at the Arab Development Bank for Economic Development in Africa and a member of the COMESA Bank Board of Governors.

The Minister received his B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the Faculty of Engineering at Alexandria University in 1978. He speaks fluent English, and has attended a number of management programs at prominent U.S. universities including Stanford, MIT and Harvard.

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